

SENATE RESOLUTION 1
By McNally

A RESOLUTION to commend Dr. Pete Craven for his honorable and astute service to Oak Ridge, Tennessee and to congratulate him upon receiving the 2004 "Muddy Boot Award."

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Craven is one such admirable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; he has recently been selected to receive the 2004 "Muddy Boot Award" presented during the annual meeting of the East Tennessee Economic Council (ETEC); and

WHEREAS, the "Muddy Boot Award" is given to honor those individuals who have helped build the economic bases of their communities; this award was started in 1973 by the founders of the Roane Anderson Economic Council, now ETEC to reflect the Manhattan Project founders of Oak Ridge who worked through adverse conditions to build the community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Craven and his wife Wanda reside in the community of Oak Ridge where he has contributed so much of himself to the betterment of the lives his friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, having earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1961, a Master of Science degree in 1963, and a doctorate in 1965 from the University of Tennessee, Dr. Craven is no stranger to personal edification and excellence; and

WHEREAS, Pete Craven is a highly respected member of the Oak Ridge community, and he has long served the people of Oak Ridge through his thirty-nine years of entrepreneurship in such areas as engineering, computer systems development and design, environmental systems analysis and design, planning and management; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pete Craven has also established exemplary leadership skills through his roles as Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Board of Allmeds and as the founder of the Oak Ridge division of Science Application International Corporation, which thrived under his management; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Craven has also utilized his commendable talents as the founder of Integrated Computer Systems Inc., which he has led as Chairman for over ten years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Craven is wholly committed to the noble precept of contributing leadership through the development and implementation of ideas, and he has demonstrated repeatedly what it means to struggle through adverse conditions for the good of one's community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Dr. Pete Craven for his honorable and astute service to the good people of East Tennessee as the recipient of the 2004 "Muddy Boot Award" and salute his unswerving commitment to leadership and the advancement of his community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.